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SUBJECT: **ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO AMMEND THE
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S EXISITING LEGAL ENTITY
AGREEMENT WITH VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM – VIP
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC., (VIP) ON A SOLE
SOURCE BASIS**

This memorandum is to comply with the Board Policy 5.100, Sole Source Contracts. It is the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) intent to execute an amendment on a sole source basis with the existing Legal Entity Contractor, Violence Intervention Program – VIP Community Mental Health Center, Inc., (VIP) to implement Children/Youth Crisis Placement Stabilization Teams.

DMH was awarded funding from the Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 grant from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) to implement mobile mental health triage teams that provide intensive case management and linkage to services for individuals with mental illness or emotional disorders who require crisis interventions. The grant award period runs from March 24, 2014 through June 30, 2017, with an annual amount of \$9,125,000. A portion of the grant is dedicated to establishing Children/Youth Crisis Placement Stabilization Teams (CYCPST).

The intent of the grant is to expand the number of mental health personnel available to provide crisis support services that include crisis triage, targeted case management and linkage to services for individuals with mental health illnesses who require a crisis intervention. Increasing access to crisis stabilization services provides an opportunity to reduce costs associated with expensive inpatient and emergency room care, and to better meet the needs of individuals with mental health conditions in the least restrictive manner possible.

One of the underserved and vulnerable populations identified by DMH that will be targeted for Countywide services under the Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 grant are children/youth who have been detained by the Department of Children and Family

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Amending the existing DMH Legal Entity agreement on a sole source basis with VIP not only meets the objectives of the Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 grant, but it will also align with the Los Angeles County Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection's recommendation of coordinating care across departments.

Unless otherwise instructed by a Board office within two (2) weeks, DMH will proceed as intended, pending a Board letter approval to accept the Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 grant. DMH will collaborate closely with both the Office of the County Counsel and the Chief Executive Officer in preparing the contract amendment.

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